SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 635 By Beavers

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Michelle Branner, 2006 Salutatorian of Gordonsville High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Michelle Branner is one such exceptional student who was recently named Salutatorian of the 2006 graduating class at Gordonsville High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Miss Branner has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Miss Branner has earned an exemplary grade point average; her display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success at the college or university of her choice; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her academic achievements, she has performed laudably in numerous service organizations and school activities, including participation in the Beta Club, Spirit Club, Math and Science Club, Spanish Club, Students Against Drunk Driving, and Future Farmers of America; and

WHEREAS, a public servant of the highest order, Michelle Branner has been involved in multiple Angel Tree projects and food drives, as well as the Vanderbilt Children's Miracle Network Telethon; she has also donated her hair to Heartstrings and is a shining example of a student who believes that, "no matter what curves life throws at you, it is always possible to reach your goals"; and

WHEREAS, Miss Branner attended the prestigious Junior Statesmen Summer School at Stanford in 2004, and the National Leadership Conference in 2005; and

WHEREAS, Michelle Branner's noteworthy achievements are a tremendous source of pride for her father, Michael Branner, her two brothers, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Miss Branner's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor 2006 Gordonsville High School Salutatorian, Michelle Branner, on her impressive academic achievement, and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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